

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Qwest Communications International, Inc.)	
)	WC Docket No. 02-89
Petition for Declaratory Ruling On the Scope)	
of the Duty to File and Obtain Prior Approval)	
of Negotiated Contractual Arrangements)	
Under Section 252(a)(1))	

ORDER

Adopted: June 11, 2002

Released: June 11, 2002

By the Deputy Chief, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

Revised Filing Date:

Reply Comments Due: June 20, 2002

1. On April 23, 2002 Qwest Communications International, Inc. (Qwest) filed a petition for declaratory ruling pursuant to section 1.2 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.2. The Qwest petition requests the Commission to issue a declaratory ruling with respect to section 252(a)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), 47 C.F.R. § 252(a)(1). Specifically, Qwest requests a declaratory ruling concerning which types of negotiated contractual arrangements between incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) and competitive LECs are subject to the mandatory filing and 90-day state commission pre-approval requirements of section 252(a)(1) of the Act. On April 29, 2002 the Commission released a Public Notice which set comment and reply comment dates with comments to be filed on or before May 29, 2002 and reply comments to be filed on or before June 13, 2002.¹ On June 7, 2002, Qwest filed a petition to extend the date for filing reply comments by one week. In its pleading, Qwest requests an extension of time in order to analyze and address the arguments and allegations raised in the parties' filings, including a recently issued order from the Iowa Utilities Board, which the Board submitted in the record of this proceeding.

2. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.² In this instance, however, the Division finds that Qwest has shown good cause for an extension of the deadline for filing reply comments in this proceeding. In order for parties to be

¹ Qwest Communications International, Inc., Petition for Declaratory Ruling On the Scope of the Duty to File and Obtain Prior Approval of Negotiated Contractual Arrangements Under Section 252(a)(1), DA 02-976 (rel. April 29, 2002).

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

able to fully analyze the arguments and allegations in the record, most notably the recently issued decision by the Iowa Utilities Board, we grant a limited extension so that parties may file reply comments on **June 20, 2002**. This matter shall continue to be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.³ All other requirements discussed in the April 29, 2002 Public Notice remain in effect.

3. For further information, please contact Janice M. Myles, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, 202-418-1580.

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³ *Id.* § 1.1206.